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SUBJECT: MBFR: PRESS GUIDANCE ON FRENCH ISSUE

1. CLOSE OF ROUND X, IN WASHINGTON VIEW, IS LIKELY TO
DRAW PUBLIC/PRESS ATTENTION. IN PARTICULAR, IF REVISED
WESTERN DATA IS TABLED, PUBLIC ATTENTION MAY BE DRAWN
TO THE FRENCH ISSUE.

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2. WHEN REVISED WESTERN DATA IS TABLED, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO AVOID GIVING REASONABLE CAUSE FOR FRENCH OBJECTION TO WESTERN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN VIENNA. SPECIFICALLY, YOU MAY ANNOUNCE THAT UPDATED DATA HAS BEEN TABLED ON THE WESTERN AIR AND GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN THE AREA, BUT THE FIGURES TABLED SHOULD NOT BE USED WITH THE PRESS. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT LE LOOK FORWARD TO PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT ROUND OF COUNTING RULES USED BY EACH SIDE IN DEVELOPING ITS DATA. IF SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY WERE INVOLVED IN THE TABLED DATA, YOU MAY NOTE THAT ONLY DATA ON WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WAS PROVIDED. YOU SHOULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE OF EXCLUSION OF FRENCH DATA. KISSINGER

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